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SUBJECT: CUBAN SANCTIONS

REF: SAN JOSE 3339

1. DISCUSSION WITH MONTEIRO LIMA (CHIEF OF OAS DIVISION)
OF FOREIGN MINISTRY ON SUBJECT ELICITED THE FOLLOWING
THOUGHTS WHICH WE TAKE TO BE WORKING-LEVEL CONCEPTS
NOW ON FOREIGN MINISTER'S DESK:

A. ARGUMENT THAT CHOICE IS BETWEEN CEDING ON CUBAN
SANCTIONS OR FURTHER WEAKENING OF INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND
RIO TREATY IS A GOOD ONE AND DESERVES SERIOUS
CONSIDERATION.

B. LIFTING OF CUBAN SANCTIONS BY PERMANENT COUNCIL
ACTING AS ORGAN OF CONSULTATION WITH TWO-THIRDS VOTE UPON
CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER CUBA CONSTITUTES A THREAT TO THE
PEACE AND SECURITY OF THE HEMISPHERE IS PALATABLE -- WITH
RESERVATIONS -- AND WOULD NOT CAUSE GOB UNDUE
DIFFICULTIES. "WE WOULD LOSE," MONTEIRO LIMA SAID,
BUT BRAZIL WOULD NOT HAVE TO REESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC
RELATIONS WITH CUBA. WHEN QUERIED ON HOW BRAZIL WOULD
VOTE UNDER SUCH CONDITIONS, MONTEIRO LIMA REPLIED THAT
THIS WAS PRECISELY THE POINT UNDER CONSIDERATION BY THE
PRESIDENT AND HE HAD NO IDEA.

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C. THE PROSPECT OF BRAZILIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

ATTENDING MFM FOR LOVE FEAST DURING WHICH CASTRO
WOULD BE INVITED BACK INTO SYSTEM WAS COMPLETELY
UNACCEPTABLE. BRAZILIAN WOUNDS WERE TOO RAW AND
RECENT. SUCH PROSPECT WOULD ANTAGONIZE TOO MANY
PEOPLE IN GOB.

D. WHAT ALSO BOTHERS FOREIGN MINISTRY IS REPORT
(WHICH MONTEIRO LIMA EXPLAINED WAS UNCONFIRMED)
RECEIVED FROM BRAZILIAN EMBASSY IN COSTA RICA AND ATTRIBUTED
TO FACIO WHICH STATES THAT NEXT STEP IS ENTRY OF CUBA
INTO OAS. THIS IS COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE TO GOB,
MONTEIRO LIMA SAID.
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